Workforce

Highly Skilled and Reliable Talent

With a population of 112,800, the U.S. Virgin Islands is known for its available, trainable and primarily English-speaking workforce. Due to the Territory's history of industrial and services experience, Virgin Islanders have expertise in a wide array of sectors, including:

- Financial and professional services
- Call centers and back office operations
- Knowledge based and e-commerce activities
- Shipping and port activities
- Marine
- Tourism and hotel development
- Real estate development
- Energy and renewables
- Rum distilling
- · Advanced manufacturing

An Educated Workforce

In addition to local residents, The University of the Virgin Islands graduates more than 330 students each year from its associates, bachelors and masters programs.

The nationally accredited university also delivers graduates from its five schools and colleges: <u>Business Administration</u>, <u>Education</u>, <u>Liberal Arts & Social Sciences</u>, <u>Nursing</u>, and <u>Science & Mathematics</u>. It is common for local USVI high school graduates to return to the islands after travelling to the mainland for post-secondary training and education.

To learn more about the educational offerings of the U.S. Virgin Islands, visit our Education page.

Securing and Training Your Workforce

Through the <u>U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Labor's</u> One Stop Centers, employers will find multiple resources for securing employees, including:

- Employee recruitment and screening
- Receiving and forwarding applicant resumes

- Pre-screening and referral of qualified job seekers
- Tax credit information
- Labor market information
- Labor law compliance information
- Additional resources on issues that affect employers

The One Stop Centers also offer training programs for workforce applicants, including:

- Basic skills training (including GED preparation)
- Occupational skills training
- On-the-job training
- Customized training
- Combined workplace and classroom training
- Skills upgrading and retraining
- Entrepreneurial training
- Readiness training

Find contact and location details by visiting either St. Croix One Stop Center or St. Thomas One Stop Center.

Resources:

The Bureau of Economic Research
The Virgin Islands Department of Labor
University of the Virgin Islands Academic Programs

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